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Applicant: Hiroki OTA et al. Conf. No. 3700  
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LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Date: May 6, 2002

Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on the following application(s):

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
JAPAN	2001-007743	January 16, 2001
JAPAN	2001-007744	January 16, 2001

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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